



## New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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Title	10	Human Services	
Chapter	129	Child Protection Investigations	12/13/2011
Subchapter:	2	Child Protection Investigation Process	
Section	3	<b>Time frames for investigation (N.J.A.C. 10:129-2.3)</b>	

### §10:129-2.3 Time frames for investigation

(a) The child protective investigator shall start the investigation of a report no later than the end of the work day or within 24 hours of the State Central Registry representative determining the time frame and notifying the local office or the after-hours child protective investigator of the report, unless a Division or other entity authorizes a delay based upon the request of a law enforcement official, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.11.

(b) The State Central Registry representative determines whether each report meets one or more of the following criteria. The State Central Registry representative determines each report that meets one or more of the following criteria shall be investigated no later than the end of the work day of receipt at the State Central Registry. The criteria are:

1. Law enforcement personnel request an immediate response;
2. An immediate response will prevent the loss of evidence;
3. A child has died due to abuse or neglect and a sibling or other child remains under the care of a parent or guardian;

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